HO-72 The Bridge Market Ellicott City Private

eighteenth century

This market was originally owned by the Ellicotts who sold it to a certain William Hinks. Later owned by Andrew McLaughlin, it is said to have been owned by a mill hand who was the only survivor of the great flood of 1868.

Following this flood, this fine stone building, so representative of Howard County stone and granite architecture became a general store operated by W.W. Radcliffe and owned by Nora Wattemeyer who sold it to Mr. Samuel J. Radcliffe in 1884 for the sum of \$100.

Located on the west side of the Patapsco River within the flood plain, it is presently unoccupied, its south facade facing the B&O Railroad Terminal and featuring a central, second floor rectangular entrance door, flat stone lintels, a double horizontal header brick course connecting the projecting wooden sills of the second floor windows and two gabled roof dormer windows holding rectangular, double-hung windows with six-over-six lights, surmounted by pediments.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bridge Market is located on the north side of the Baltimore-Frederick Turnpike, east of the B&O Railroad Bridge. The Patapsco River lies east of the building which is a five bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high tin gabled roof (running east-west) stone structure with brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls, and two gabled roof dormer windows holding rectangular double-hung windows with six-over-six lights surmounted by pediments, inset into the south elevation of its tin gabled roof.

South Elevation:

Its front facade faces south and holds a second floor central rectangular entrance door with four lights, surmounted by a flat stone lintel and flanked by two second floor rectangular double-hung windows holding six-over-six lights, decorated with projecting wooden sills and flat stone lintels. A double horizontal header brick course runs along the south wall connecting the wooden sills of the second floor windows. All the windows and doors of the first floor are boarded up. A picture of the Old Emporium or Bridge Market printed by Celia Holland in her booklet, Ellicott City, Maryland 1772-1972, indicates two first floor rectangular off center entrance doors on the south wall. (See sketch)

East Elevation:

The east elevation holds two first and second floor rectangular windows decorated with projecting wooden sills and flat stone lintels. Those on the first floor are boarded up.

Two rectangular, double-hung attic windows holding four-over-two lights rest above.

West Elevation:

The west wall holds two boarded up first floor windows, a second floor door in the north bay and two rectangular, double-hung attic windows holding four-over-two lights. The stone B&O Railroad bridge lying west of the building was the same height as the second floor doorway originally and was perhaps connected to the doorway by a secondary bridge.

North Elevation Addition:

Along the entire north wall lies a two bay wide on the west wall, three bay wide on the east wall stone first floor and frame second floor, shed roofed addition, along whose north wall runs a one story high, shed roofed open porch.

The interior of the structure is now unoccupied and in the process of being renovated after damage resulting from the 1972 flood.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A building east of the bridge of the Baltimore-Frederick Turnpike is noted on Plat No. 9 of George Ellicott's Land Division of 1840. Local historians believe it to have been built circa 1780-90. During the flood of 1868, the mill hand inhabiting this dwelling is said to have been the only survivor.

Following the flood of 1868 this building became a general store with merchandise ranging from food and clothing to coal, wood and lime for the County's planters. This general store is noted on the Hopkin's Atlas of 1878 as belonging to W. W. Radcliff.

Mr. Radcliff evidently leased or rented the property for some years before buying the property from Nora Wattemeyer in 1884. A deed dated July 15, 1884 (49-279) was granted and conveyed at that time to Mr. Samuel J. Radcliffe for the sum of \$100 by Nora Wattemeyer.

The deed of 1884 relates that the lot of ground was formerly sold by the Ellicotts, to a certain William Hinks and later owned by Andrew McLaughlin.

Edward T. Clark and William Owings, partners, acquired the property on August 3, 1944 (182-295) and continued its operation as a commercial enterprise. This deed mentions the property being commonly known as the "Bridge Market". Later the property was conveyed to E.T. Clark & Sons for use as a second outlet for their hardware and farm supply operation, begun in 1845.

In 1972 it was used by Appalachian Outfitters who operated a sporting goods establishment. It now awaits a persevering preservationist to complete its renovation and rehabilitation.

Architecturally it is noteworthy as an example of Howard County's fine stone architecture. A second floor entrance on the west wall may well have connected to the Railroad bridge by a secondary bridge in an earlier time, providing easy access for supplies from the trains passing through Ellicott City.

Its location on the west side of the Patapsco River in the flood plain places it in a Critical Area of State Concern, and has hampered restoration progress. It is now being considered for acquisition by the County.

For these reasons the Bridge Market should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places and any future local landmark legislation.

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III GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ________9

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A p. 60

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—PART 1

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

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2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a three-story house constructed of large blocks of native granite cut from nearby hills. At each end of the hipped roof of the house are red brick chimneys. There are two dormers on the front slope of the roof. The present roof is tin and was placed over an earlier wood shake roof. Connected to the main house is a two-story addition - wood frame on the second story, stone on the first. On the addition's slanting tin roof are two more red brick chimneys, one on the north wall and one on the east wall. The exterior of the house remains intact with few structural modifications.

Once inside, one is struck by the well-preserved red brick fireplaces at each end of the house on both the first and second floors. The fireboxes at each fireplace are held in place by wood planks using the tongue and groove method.

Although each of these fireplaces are in almost perfect condition, the most distinguished fireplace in the house is found on the back wall in what once was the kitchen. This fireplace is also of red brick, but is much larger, and of a type found only in colonial and early frontier houses.

Throughout the house large wood beams can be seen. On the second floor wide planked wooden floors extend from one fireplace to the other. The third floor also has original wooden flooring.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ellicott City was founded by Andrew, Jonathan and George Ellicott in 1772. Shortly a small but distinguished community arose on the banks of the Patapsco River at its fall line. The early buildings were constructed of large native granite blocks of a size unique to the area - perhaps America. Over the years these structures one by one have vanished from the scene, many destroyed by periodic flooding which has ravished the Patapsco River valley. Today all that remains of the early river bank houses are the ruins of the George Ellicott house, built in 1789, and Radcliffe's Emporium - the subject of this report.

Some local historians and Ellicott City oldtimers know this stone building as "Radcliffe's Emporium."
This name was derived from the Radcliffe family,

who according to the Land Records of Howard County, Liber H. B. N. No. 103, folio 52, "conducted a business in coal, lime and general merchandise." A description of the Radcliffe business appeared in an article published in HERITAGE, A Publication of Historic Ellicott City, Inc., Ellicott City, Maryland, Vol. 8, No. 7, January, 1982:

S. J. RADCLIFFE & SON
General Merchandise, Lime and Coal

The founding of this reputable house dates back to 1872 when Mr. S. J. Radcliffe established here. Later W. W. Radcliffe entered the firm and in May, 1884, the present style and title was adapted upon the admission of Mr. George W. Radcliffe. From its inception, the business was prosecuted on the soundest principles of prudence and equity and has always maintained the highest and most liberal share of the public esteem. The salesroom occupied is 20x42 feet in dimensions with a wareroom in the rear 18x20 feet for the storing of superfluous stock. The goods carried embrace a well-selected line of staple and fancy groceries, dress fabrics, notions, underwear, a fine line of footwear, hats and caps, paints, oils, glass, varnish and only a line carried by a first-class house. A special feature of the business is made in handling coal and lime. They do their own lime burning and are prepared to ship orders of any magnitude, the trade lying all over this section of Maryland. A side track from the B&O R.R., enters the premises and their facilities for promptly handling and shipping goods are not surpassed. S. J. Radcliffe was born in England, but a resident of this country for sixty years. He is a member of the I.O.O.F., the encampment and the K. of P. Ellicott City and identified with the I.O.O.F. As reliable businessmen, by strictly adhering to the principles they had chosen for governing their mercantile transactions, by close attention to the needs of their customers and by their enterprise and executive ability they enjoy the highest confidence of all with whom they form business or social relations.

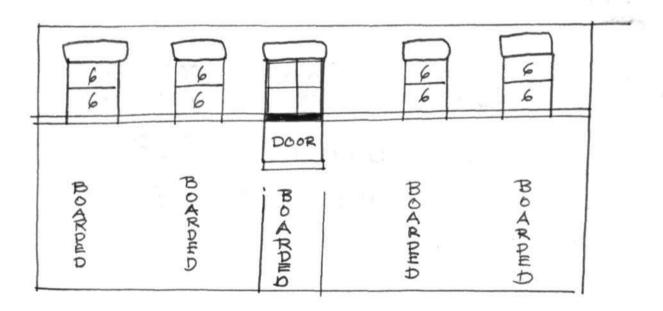
The Radcliffe family conducted business at Radcliffe's Emporium for almost half a century, from 1872 to 1917, when Mary Elizabeth Radcliffe, widow of George W. Radcliffe, conveyed the property to Louis T. Clark. Land Records of Howard County, Liber H. B. N. No. 103, folio 52.

But the Radcliffe family was not the first owner of this distinguished stone building to use it as a place of business or a general store. Deeds show that from 1866 to 1868 George Gambrill and George G. Bradley were "co-partners together in the business being a general merchandise business of a country store carried on at Ellicott City." Land Records of Howard County, Liber W.W.W. No. 28, folio 268. And even earlier, land records show in a 1845 lease that the Granite Manufacturing Co. used the building for commercial purposes, and surrendered said lease in 1863. Prior to this time, the building was owned by "a certain William Hinks", who in 1823 purchased the property from the trustees of the estate of John Ellicott. Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Liber W.S.G. No. 16, folio 630. William Hinks likely used the house for his residence.

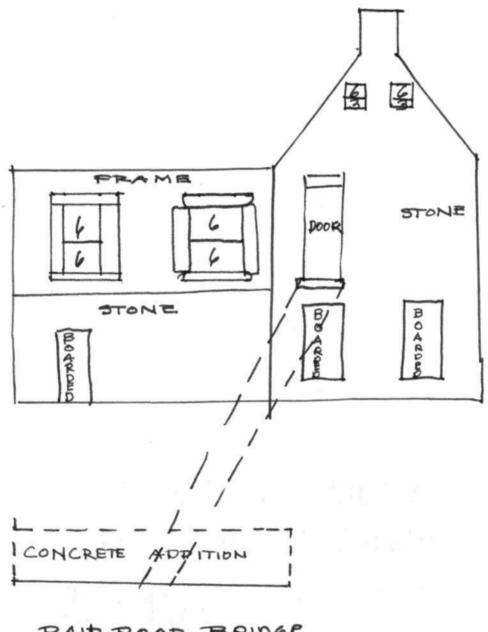
The earlier origins of the use of this property have been lost with the passage of time. It is a building that today marks an earlier era than most of the other buildings that are found in the Ellicott City Historic District. It is a building that stands at the gateway to Ellicott City together with the first terminal of an American railroad, the old B&O railroad terminal building.



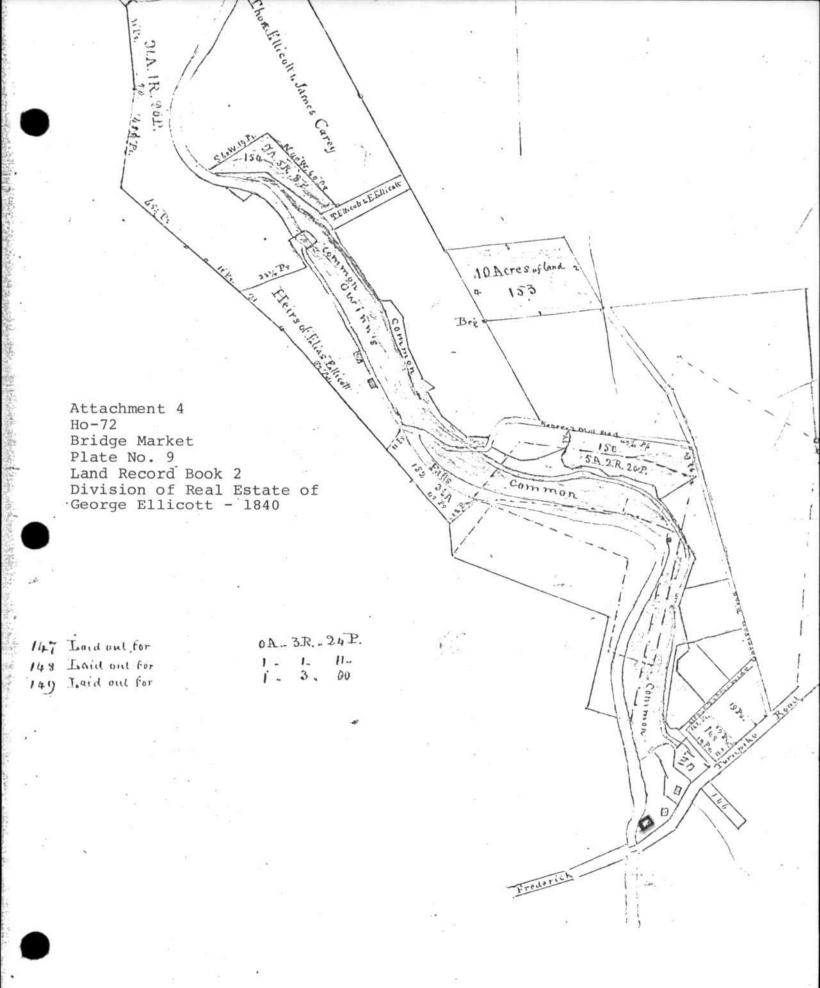
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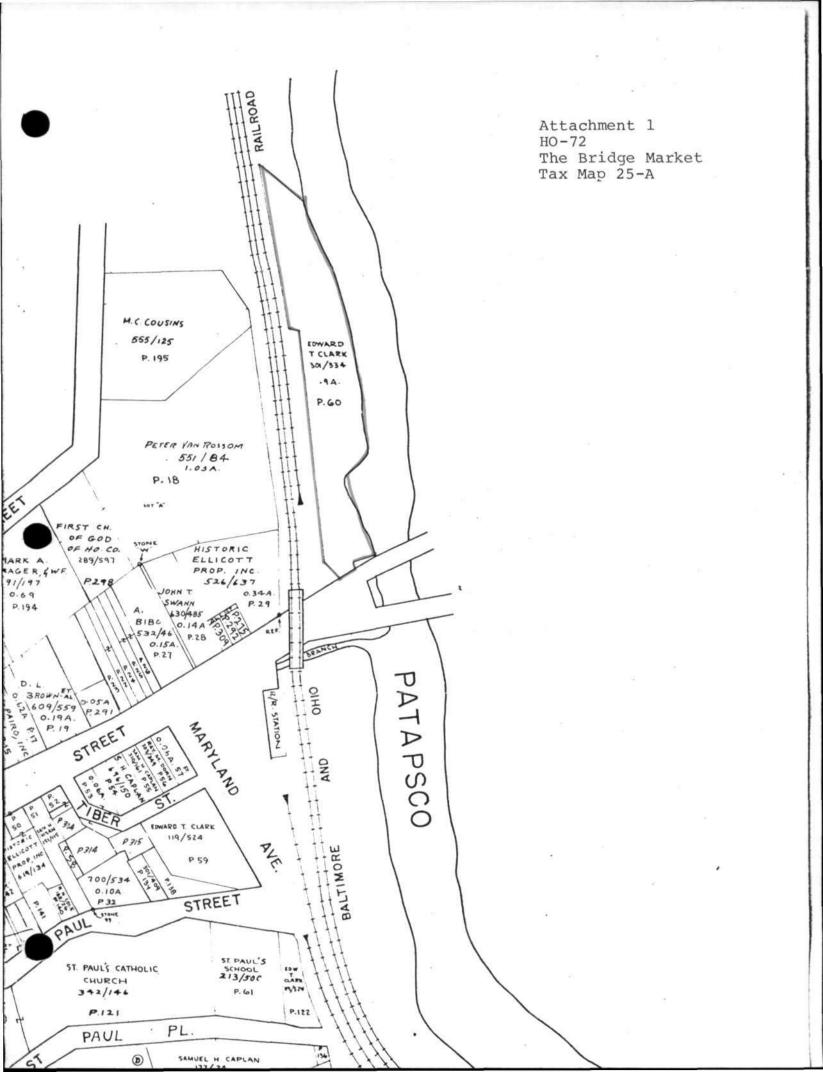


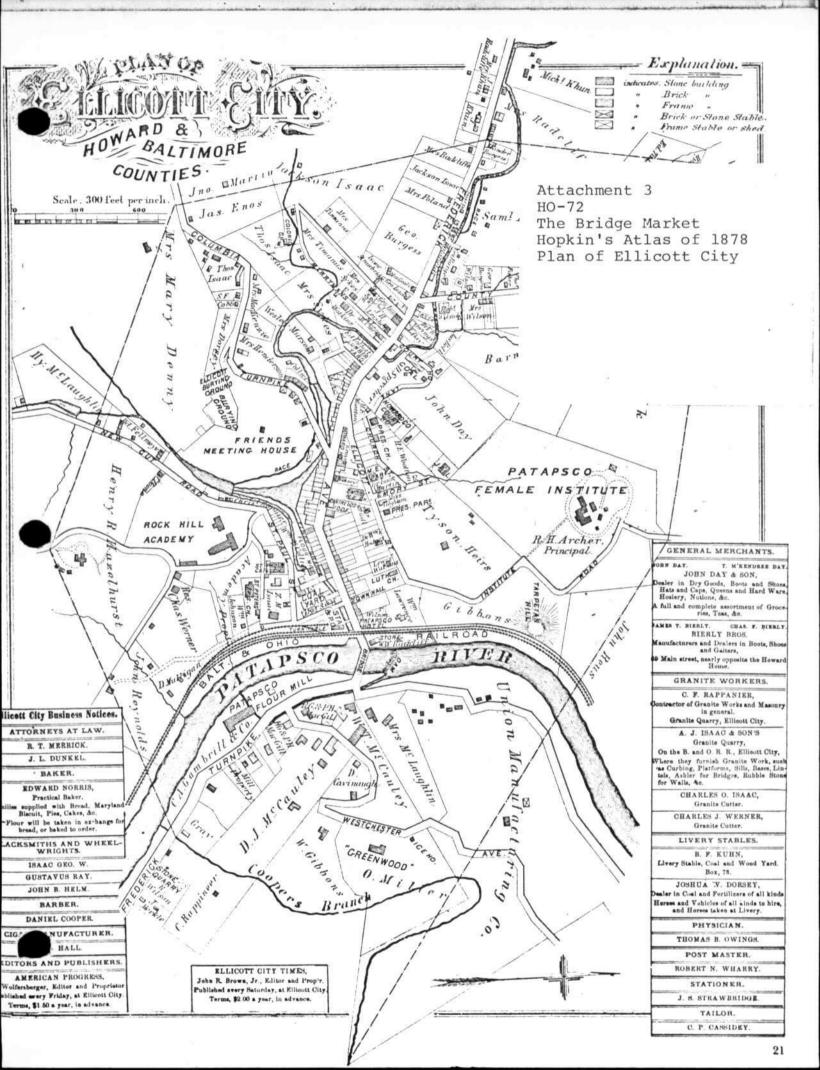
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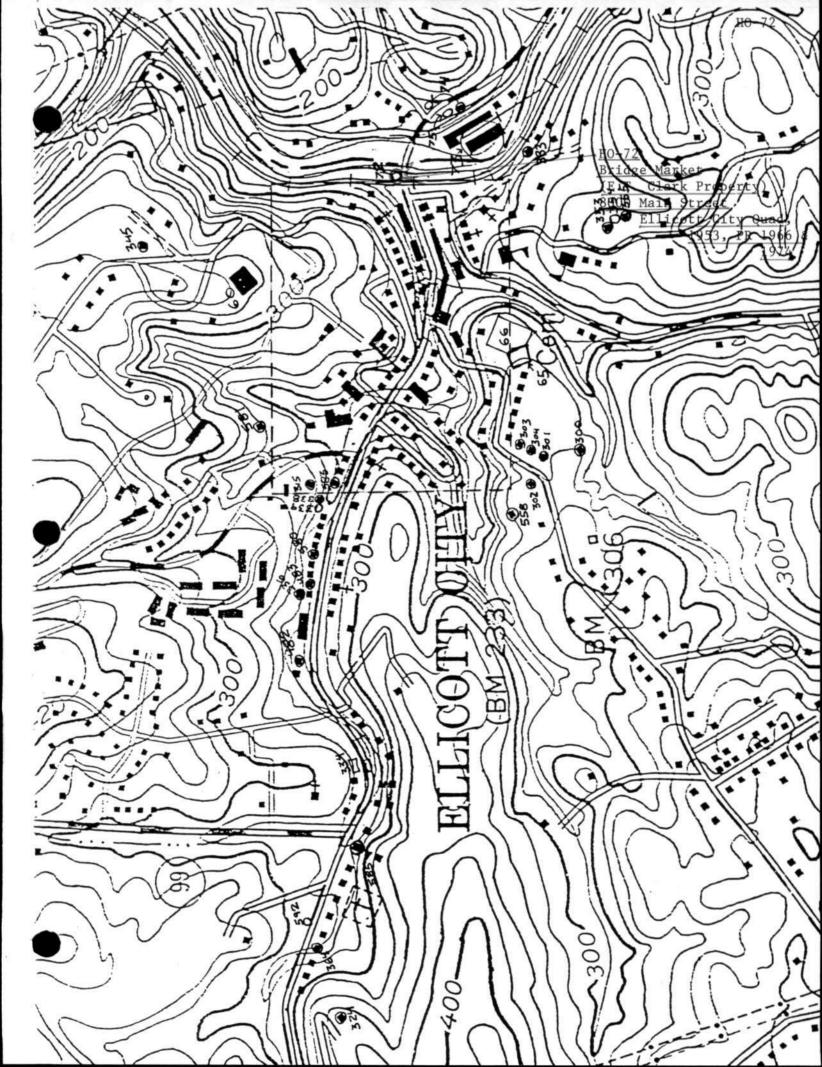


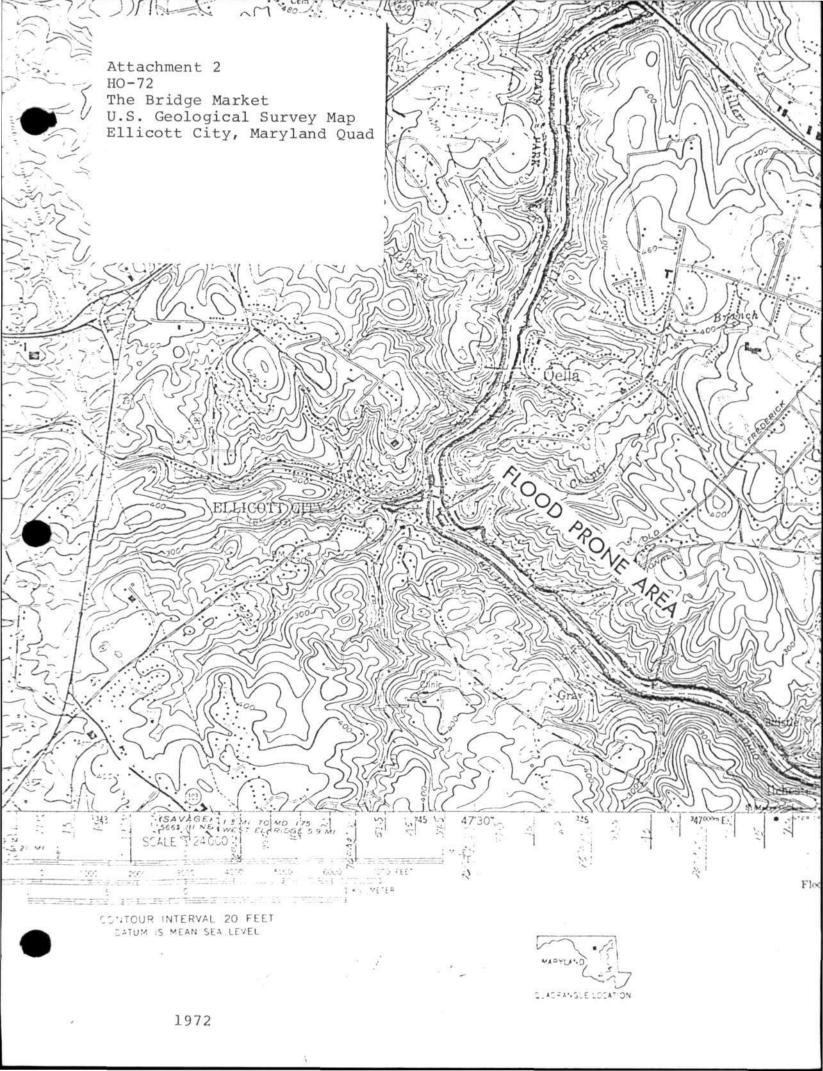
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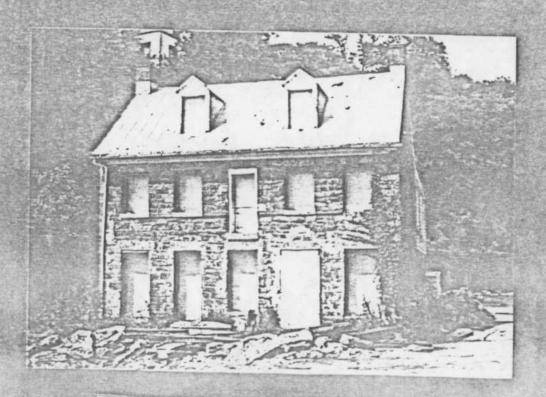




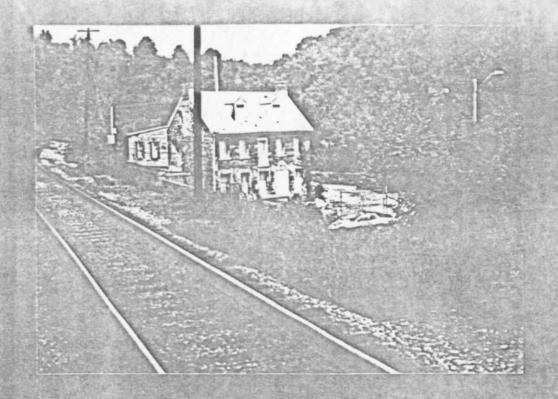




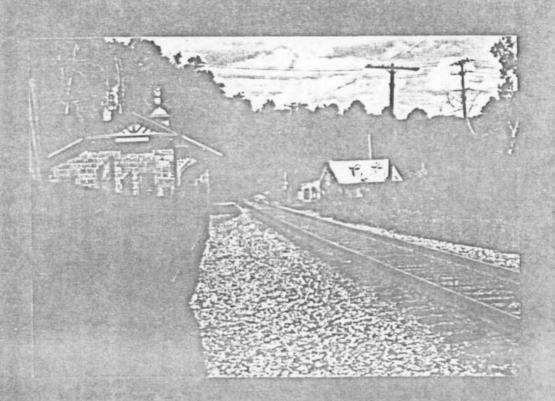
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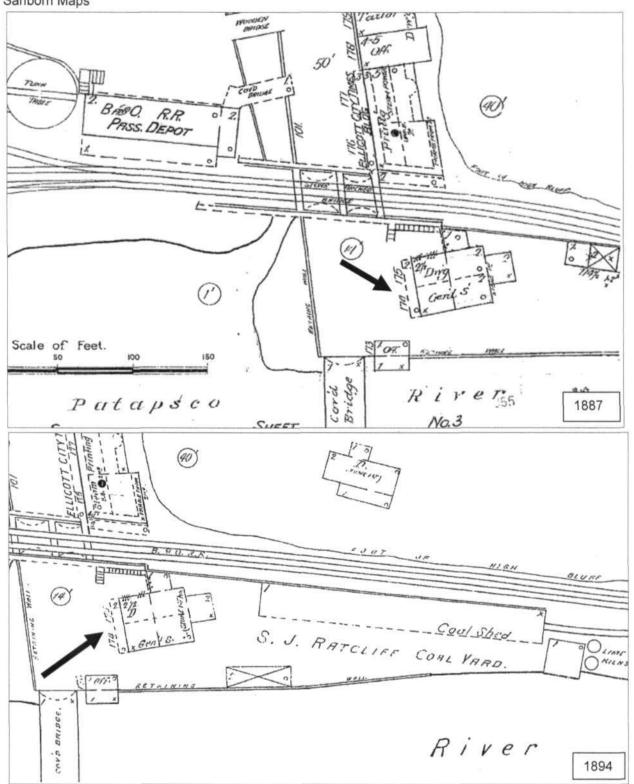
4. Southwest view (restored B&O terminal bldg. & Radcliffe's Emporium)

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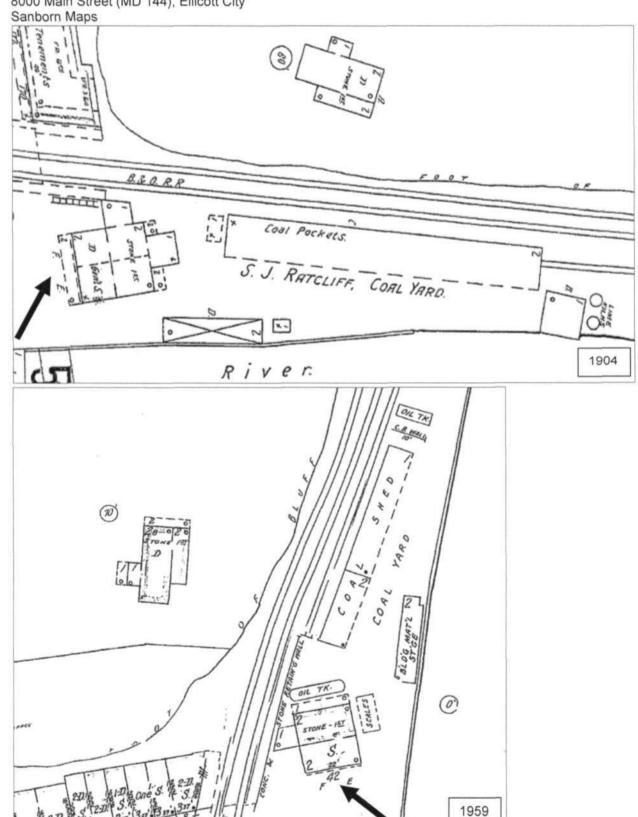




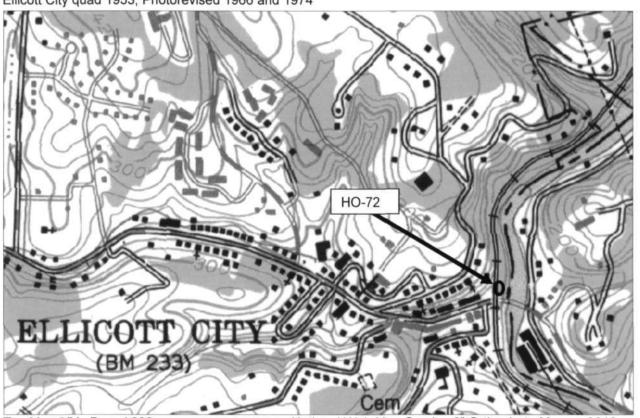
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